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Koya language

Koya is a South-Central Dravidian language of the Gondi–Kui group spoken by the Koya people. It is sometimes described as a dialect of Gondi, but it is mutually unintelligible with Gondi dialects.[3]

Koya is the language spoken by the tribal community in Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Bhadrachalam in Khammam district; ITDA, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari district; ITDA, Kotaramachandrapuram, West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. The Koyas also live in the southernmost part of Sukma in Chhattisgarh.

Koya is variously written in the Oriya, Telugu, Devanagari or Latin script. Sathupati Prasanna Sree has also developed a unique script for use with the Koya language. With 270,994 registered native speakers, it figures at rank 37 in the 1991 Indian census. There are textbooks developed in Koya language under Mother Tongue based Multilingual Education Programme by Government of Andhra Pradesh and implemented in 50 primary schools in Koya habitations.

Koya	
Native to	India
Native speakers	407,423 (2011)[1]
Language family	Dravidian ▪ South-Central ▪ Gondi–Kui ▪ Kuvi–Kui ▪ **Koya**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`kff`
Glottolog	`koya1251 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/koya1251)`[2]

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